

AP US History: Chapter 8 study questions

1. Did the colonists commit to revolution with the creation of The Association and other actions taken at the First Continental Congress (chapter 7), or was there a viable possibility for peace and reconciliation up to July 4, 1776?

2. How did *Common Sense* and the Declaration of Independence change the *meaning* of the fighting? Explain why even Patriots were at first reluctant to proclaim independence and how they eventually came to link their struggle for rights with the break from Britain.

3. Was military strategy or politics the key to American victory in the war? How did the two coincide?

4. Did the Loyalists deserve to be persecuted and driven out of the country? What difference does it make to understand the Revolution as a civil war between Americans as well as a war against the British?

5. To what extent did America assert herself at war's end? What steps were taken to establish and legitimize this new "nation?"